

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to remove the features added in the previous response. The added features related to claims 9 and 10 (and to claim 16 for claim 14), objected to in the previous Office Action. Also, claims 9 and 10 (and claim 16) were cancelled. However, the decision was reversed in the present Office Action, while claims 4 and 18 are now objected to.

Features of claims 2 and 4 have been moved to claims 1 and 14.

Claim 25 has been amended to remove the features added in the previous response. The previously added features related to claims 16 and 20, objected to in the previous Office Action. Also, claims 6 and 20 were cancelled. However, the decision was reversed in the present Office Action.

Features of claim 5 have been added to claim 25. A new independent method claim 27 has been added, corresponding to the amended claim 25, and based on claims 1 and 5.

The added dependent claims are thus based on earlier claims. The claims deleted at the previous stage have been re-introduced in the claims (see new claims 31-35).

The cited Pecen publication does not specifically disclose or suggest determining said reference level on the basis of at least one frame immediately preceding the received radio block, see claim 27, or means for determining the reference level on the basis of at least one frame immediately preceding the received radio block, see claim 25. The specification states at page 7, lines 1-11 (see paragraph [0016] beginning on page 2 of US 2002/0122513) (see also Figure 2): "In addition to this, according to an embodiment of the invention, the RSSI values of the time slots of the PCCCH block period preceding the PCCCH block to be received are monitored, which has yielded good results. In the monitoring, preferably time slots in the two preceding TDMA frames are used, but the number can be set as a parameter. As an exception if the preceding frame is an idle frame the monitoring is not performed since there is no transmission in the idle frame. The RSSI values of the preceding time slots can be

combined to the RSSI values of an earlier received PCCCH block, wherein averaging is used with respect to time, using for example filtering with a running average method." The proposed selection of frames yields good results.

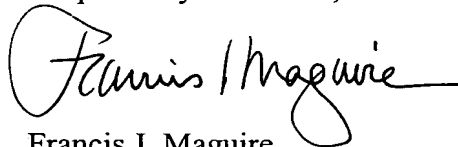
The claims deleted at the previous stage have been re-introduced in the claims (see new claim 29-33).

A petition for a three month extension of time made herewith along with our check for \$1,020.00. If this amount is insufficient and/or a longer period for reply is needed and permitted please consider this a petition therefore and deduct any deficient fee from our Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

We also enclose our check for \$250.00 for an extra independent claim and one extra dependent claim. If this fee is somehow insufficient, the Director is authorized to deduct the deficiency from our Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of August 3, 2006 having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-35 to issue is solicited.

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